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## La Habra Police Department Press Release

## Vehicle Pursuit of Possible Kidnapping Suspect

La Habra, CA – February 25, 2017: At approximately 5:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Walnut Street and Imperial Highway, in the City of La Habra. The call for service was in regards to a female being physically pulled into a vehicle. Before officers could arrive, the reporting party stated the vehicle had left eastbound on Imperial Highway. The reporting party followed the vehicle for a short time and believed to see the two occupants fighting inside the vehicle. Officers located the vehicle driving eastbound on Imperial Highway. An enforcement stop was attempted on the vehicle however the vehicle continued eastbound on Imperial Highway. The driver of the vehicle performed several evasive maneuvers in attempt to lose officers. A pursuit was initiated.

During the pursuit, the female occupant made an abrupt exit from the vehicle as it was turning onto the 91 freeway from Brookhurst Road, in the City of Fullerton. Officers were able to safely remove her from the roadway. The driver later yielded to pursuing officers in the City of Irvine. The driver of the vehicle, Christopher Westreicher, 22 years-old, a resident of La Habra, was taken into custody for kidnapping and a no-bail warrant.

At this time, the adult victim is not being identified due to an ongoing investigation.

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La Habra Police Department would like to thank the witness for their timely report of this incident. Everyone is encouraged to report suspicious activity to their local police department.

Anyone with additional information regarding this crime is encouraged to call the La Habra Police Department at (562) 383-4300, or to utilize Tip411. Tip411 is both a web-based and smart phone application, utilized by the La Habra Police Department, which allows community members to submit anonymous tips. These tips can, in turn, be responded to by La Habra Police Department personnel allowing for two way communication while still permitting the tipster to maintain his or her anonymity. Tips can be submitted through the internet at <a href="www.tip411.com">www.tip411.com</a> and selecting "La Habra Police Department" or through downloading LHPD Tips on iOS or Android apps. La Habra Police Department requests that emergencies or crimes in progress be reported by calling 9-1-1.